

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1198

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jonathan Tyler Verdell,
2008 Valedictorian of Gleason High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Tyler Verdell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Gleason High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Tyler Verdell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Verdell has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service as Senior Class President, Captain of the football team, and an officer in the Beta Club, to which he rendered sterling service as a finalist in the State Beta Convention's Talent Competition; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader among his peers, Tyler was selected as a Boys' State Delegate and member of the Weakley County Youth Leadership Class of 2006; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee Scholar, Tyler Verdell is no stranger to awards or honors, having received the DAR Good Citizen Award and the A.F. Bridges Award; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as a member of Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Gleason where he has lent his innumerable talents as a Sunday school teacher and leader of the Praise Team; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Verdell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Tyler's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Wendell and Alicia Verdell, his grandparents, Billy and Virginia Verdell, Jim and Martha Arthurs, and Lorraine Brockman, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Verdell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jonathan Tyler Verdell, 2008 Gleason High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.